

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

-against-

RARE BREED TRIGGERS, LLC; RARE BREED FIREARMS, LLC; LAWRENCE DEMONICO; KEVIN MAXWELL,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:23-cv-00369-NRM-RML

DECLARATION OF JAMES JUDGE

I, James Judge, have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below, and if called as a witness I would testify as follows:

1. My name is James Judge. I am the founder and CEO of Judge Public Relations.
2. I have known Cole Leleux for eight years and Lawrence DeMonico for five years. Starting in 2015, I began to work with Cole and Spikes Tactical on various public relations projects. I have also previously worked with Cole and Lawrence on the launch of Rare Breed Firearms.
3. On or around August 17, 2021, Cole and Lawrence reached out to me to handle media relations and ask that I work up a press release for Rare Breed Triggers about the ATF's cease and desist letter to them regarding the FRT-15 and their litigation against the ATF. They hired my firm to create and disseminate a press release explaining to the public that the ATF was coming after them, claiming the FRT-15 was a machinegun, and that they would be refusing to comply with the ATF's cease and desist based on their firm belief that the FRT-15 is a legal semi-automatic trigger. Cole and Lawrence were clear that their goal was to publicize

Rare Breed Triggers, LLC's dispute with the ATF over the FRT-15's legality as widely as possible.

4. My company wrote a press release for them (attached as Exhibit A) based on information they provided me and a video public statement Lawrence prepared. We put the press release and video out¹ simultaneously. My firm distributed the press release to nearly 500 members of the media and national press. We sent emails and made phone calls to pitch the story of the ATF's cease and desist letter and Rare Breed Triggers, LLC's litigation. As a result of our efforts, the story was picked up by many national firearms publications and media outlets – such as Guns and Ammo, Bearing Arms, Firearms News and Recoil magazine – as well as traditional mainstream media publications, such as ABC, NBC and FOX. Several of the news articles published about Rare Breed Triggers, LLC's dispute with the ATF are attached as Exhibit B.

5. As a result of my firm's initial work, the press release and video public statement had an estimated reach of more than 10 million households due to the media coverage we generated and the stories being shared with fellow gun enthusiasts via online forums and social media outlets.

6. Subsequently, because of the initial PR efforts, media outlets have continued to cover the story and it has gained further momentum, having been covered by major international news providers such as Reuters,² which according to their website ThompsonReuters.com, "is the world's largest international multimedia news provider" and "is read and seen by more than 1 billion people worldwide every day."

¹ The video public statement is posted online here: <https://vimeo.com/589573539>. As of July 24, 2023, it has been viewed at least 34,500 times.

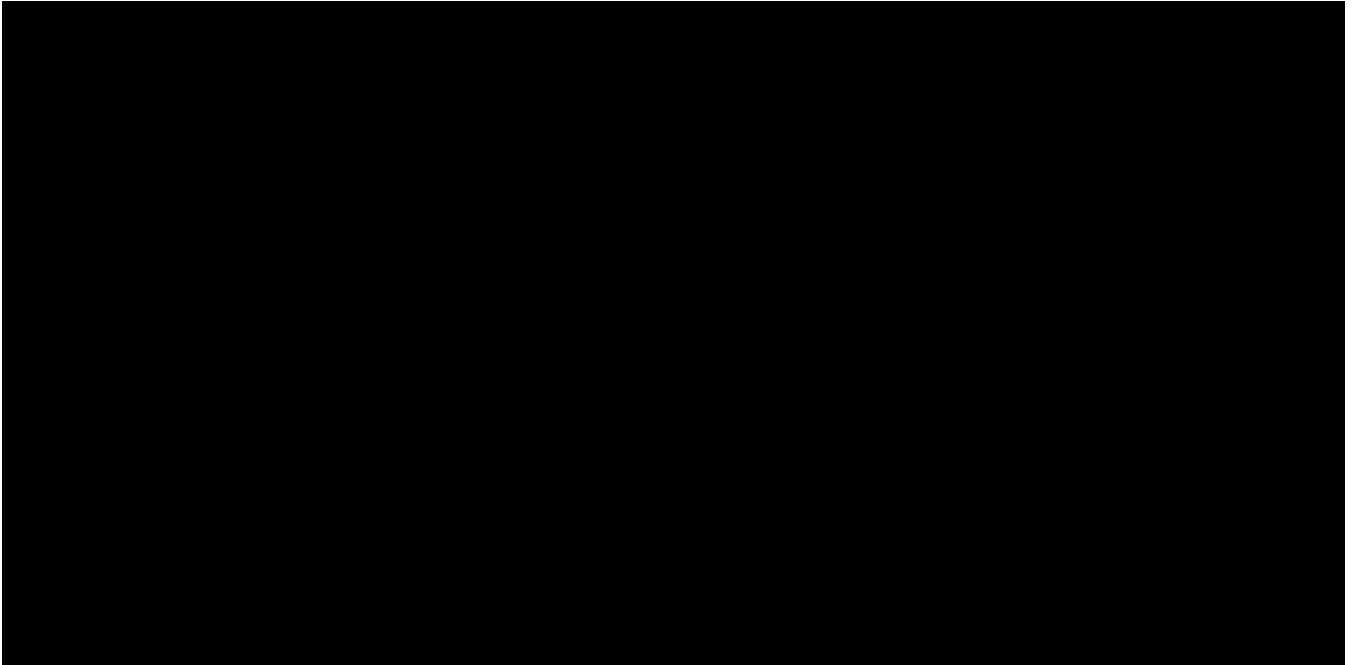
² Jonathan Stemple, Judge blocks sales of machine gun converters after U.S. sues, Reuters (January 26, 2023), <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-blocks-firearms-sellers-selling-machine-gun-converters-2023-01-26/>.

7. The idea that Rare Breed or its officers attempted to hide or shield the cease and desist from the public is hard for me to believe because it is directly contradicted by their conduct in taking extensive efforts to publicize their dispute with the ATF. Rare Breed engaged my firm specifically to inform as many members of the public as possible about the ATF's cease and desist letter and Rare Breed's disagreement with it. As a result of Rare Breed's efforts, including hiring my firm, they reached millions of people with the story of their dispute with the ATF over the FRT-15's legality. A simple Google search will reveal hundreds of media stories about the dispute, undercutting the claim that the Rare Breed team sought to hide or mislead about the existence of the ATF's cease and desist letter or its stance that the FRT-15 is a machinegun.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed on July 25, 2023

By: 
James Judge



From: JAMES JUDGE <jpjjudge@judgepr.com>
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2023 6:13 PM
To: Cole Leleux <coleleleux@yahoo.com>; lawrence.demonico@gmail.com
Subject: Rare Breed Press Release Report

Good evening,

As requested, please see the attached report for the news release we sent out on behalf of Rare Breed Triggers at your request.

Judge PR was contacted by Rare Breed Triggers on or around 8-17-2021, and Rare Breed Triggers requested a press release about the cease and desist. We subsequently drafted a release and pitched it to the media.

The press release was sent to 436 members of the media through our distribution platform and then followup media pitching was also performed by Judge Public Relations. Please see the attached report.

Several media outlets covered the story. Note, it is difficult to track all coverage after more than a year has passed, and nearly two, as links to news stories often no longer work.

Here are just a few of the many stories that are still online, that were written after the release and the video were sent out: (Note, [the video has also had more than 34,000 views since the distribution.](#))

<https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/>

EXHIBIT A

<https://www.recoilweb.com/rare-breed-triggers-atf-response-the-hero-we-need-170136.html>
<https://www.gunsandammo.com/videodetail/rare-breed-triggers-vs-atf/364166/451225>
<https://www.firearmsnews.com/editorial/ar-trigger-company-tells-atf-to-stick-it/395807>
<https://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/legal-battle-over-trigger-that-makes-ar-15s-fire-faster-has-arizona-based-company-concerned-over-outcome>
<https://www.wfla.com/news/florida/atf-takes-fire-from-orlando-gun-trigger-designer-in-lawsuit-over-cease-and-desist-order/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CcWgAq8RDWk>
<https://www.wftv.com/news/9investigates/orlando-based-company-suing-atf-debate-over-an-ar-15-attachment/432URMUUABDBHLB66WNRSOQME/>
<https://www.athlonoutdoors.com/article/rare-breed-triggers-atf/>
<https://www.firearmstalk.com/threads/rare-breed-triggers-issued-cease-and-desist.146169/>

Respectfully,
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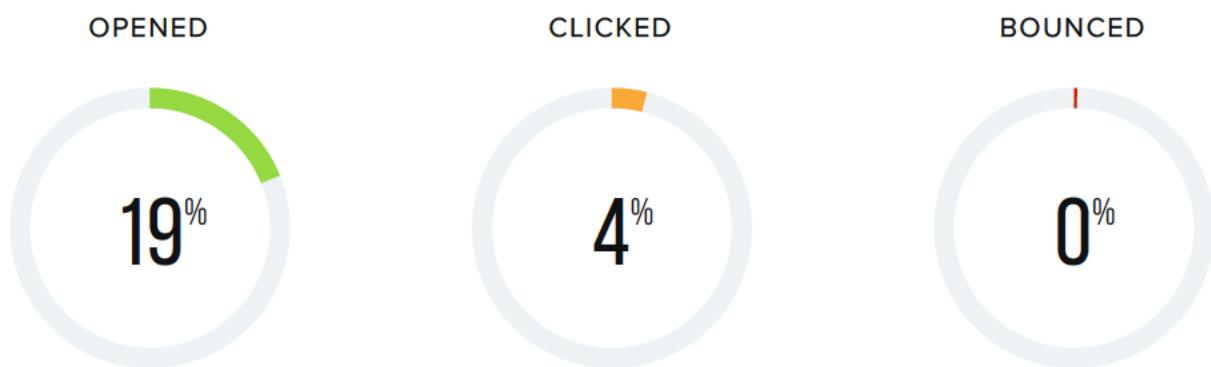
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Created by: Judge Public Relations, LLC for Rare Breed

EXHIBIT B

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Analytics



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In the video, Lawrence DeMonico	31
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Gun company says they won't comply with ATF cease-and-desist order

ORLANDO, Fla. - The president of a [Florida-based gun company](#) released a recorded statement Friday saying his company will not be complying with a cease-and-desist order issued by the ATF in late July.

According to the cease-and-desist letter issued on July 26, the ATF alleged that Rare Breed Triggers's FRT-15 trigger was actually a machine gun, and the agency ordered Rare Breed Triggers to halt production and sales, and create a plan to address the triggers that had already been sold and distributed.

[In the video](#), Lawrence DeMonico, president of Rare Breed Triggers, says his company will not be complying with the order by the federal agency and lays out his case for why they are choosing to civilly disobey the order.

According to DeMonico, contrary to the ATF's allegations, DeMonico says the fact of the matter is that the FRT-15 cannot fire more than one round by a single function of the trigger. That's important to note, because that is probably the most pertinent portion of the definition of a machine gun as defined by the Gun Control Act and National Firearms Act, DeMonico says.

Beyond making the case for why they would not be complying, DeMonico says the company immediately responded to the ATF's cease-and-desist order to inform them that they did not agree with the ATF's claim. Additionally, DeMonico says they have also followed up by filing a lawsuit in the United States Federal Court for the Middle District of Florida.

"To put it simply, our trigger is not a machine gun as the ATF alleges, and we have complied fully with the law throughout the manufacture and production of this product," DeMonico said. "What's dangerous is that the ATF is no longer just enforcing the law, but starting under the Trump administration and continuing through the Biden administration, the ATF and other agencies which are supposed to enforce the law, now believe that they can reinterpret and change the law, whenever it suits their desires."

According to the complaint, Rare Breed Triggers sought the opinion of four independent experts, which provided testimony stating that the FRT-15 is not a machine gun. According to DeMonico, it's important to note that all of these witnesses are renowned firearms experts. They have even testified countless times on behalf of the ATF in the past and they all have acknowledged that the FRT-15 is not in-fact a machine gun as defined by federal law.

"We're going to see this through, because this is a fight to protect not only the second amendment, but really all of our freedoms," DeMonico said. "We're seeing more and more examples of our government's agencies acting without the authority to do so, and far too few seem to be standing up for our freedoms."

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Mr. James Baker Owner & President	Northwest Sportsman	Not Opened	0
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Ms. Crystal Baroni Faculty Advisor	The Reporter: Stetson University	Opened	0
Mr. Chris Batha Shooting Editor	Shooting Sportsman	Not Opened	0
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Ms. Lenora Boute Director of Programming & Public Affairs	WKCF3-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Jordan Bowen Reporter	WTVT-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Christopher Boyd Assignment Editor	Spectrum Bay News 9	Not Opened	0
Mr. Robert Boyd Reporter	WFTS-TV	Opened	0
Mr. Jack Bradshaw Program Director	WTKS-FM	Opened	0
Mr. John Brennan Director of Branding & Programming	WHPT-FM	Not Opened	0
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Reporter			
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Mr. Joel Hutchcroft Editor	Shooting Times	Not Opened	0
Ms. Michelle Imperato Anchor	WESH-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Laura Ingle National Correspondent	FOX News Channel	Opened	0
Mr. Belal Jaber Executive Producer	WESH-TV	Not Opened	0
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Mr. Aaron Jacobson Executive Producer & Host	A.M. Tampa Bay - WFLA-AM	Opened	0
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Mr. Bill Johnson Production Manager & Weekend Host	WMFE-FM	Not Opened	0
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Mr. James Jones Jr. Reporter	Bradenton Herald	Not Opened	0
Ms. Sam Jordan Digital Content Creator	WOFL-TV Online	Not Opened	0
Ms. Lissa Kaplan Field Producer	FOX News Channel	Not Opened	0
Ms. Vicki Karr Multimedia Journalist & Reporter	WOFL-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Amy Kaufeldt Co-Anchor	Good Day Orlando - WOFL-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Mark Keefe Editor in Chief	American Rifleman	Opened	1
Mr. Mark Keefe Editor in Chief	American Rifleman Online	Not Opened	0
Mr. Douglas Kennedy Correspondent	FOX News Channel	Not Opened	0
Ms. Nancy Kennedy Reporter	Citrus County Chronicle	Not Opened	0
Ms. Vonna Keomanyvong Digital Managing Editor	Florida Today Online	Not Opened	0
Ms. Jenna Kesneck Director of Programming & Branding	WSUN-FM	Not Opened	0
Mr. John Keyes Regional Director of Programming	WRDQ2-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Brian Kilmeade Co-Host	FOX & Friends - FOX News Channel	Not Opened	0
Mr. Sean Kinane Assistant News & Public Affairs Director	WMNF-FM	Not Opened	0
Ms. Summer Knowles News Anchor/Reporter	WESH-TV	Not Opened	0

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Ms. Danielle Knox Anchor	Good Day Orlando - WOFL-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Kurt Knutsson Technology Contributor	FOX & Friends - FOX News Channel	Opened	0
Mr. Gordy Krahm Product Editor	Archery Business	Not Opened	0
Mr. Andrew Krietz Director of Digital Content	WTSP-TV Online	Not Opened	0
Ms. Kimberly Kuizon Multimedia Journalist/Reporter	WTVT-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Andy Kuppers Editor	The Ledger	Not Opened	0
Mr. Joseph Kurtenbach Digital Editor	Guns & Ammo Online	Opened	0
Mr. Dean Kurth Producer	FOX News Channel	Not Opened	0
Ms. Katie Kustura Reporter	The Daytona Beach News-Journal	Not Opened	0
Mr. Luke Laggis Editor	Shooting Sports Retailer	Not Opened	0
Mr. Paul LaGrone Anchor & Reporter	WFTS-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Phil Landeros Executive Producer	WKMG-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Ronnie Lane Co-Host	WDAE-FM	Not Opened	0
Mr. Jason Lanning Reporter	Spectrum Bay News 9	Opened	0
Ms. Ellen Lasher Director of Programming	WTSP2-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Scott Lawson Managing Editor	Venice Gondolier Sun	Opened	0

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Ms. Kim Leatherman Staff Writer	Highlands News-Sun	Not Opened	0
Mr. Mark Lehman Reporter	WKMG-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Heather Leigh Reporter	WFTS-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Jennifer Leigh Weeknight Anchor	WFLA-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Scott Lemieux Blogger	Lawyers, Guns and Money	Opened	0
Ms. Kathy Leon Morning Anchor and Producer	Suncoast News Network	Not Opened	0
Mr. Andrew Leuthold Station Manager & Host	WKES-FM	Not Opened	0
Mr. Jeff Levkulich Reporter	WFTV-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Eric Levy Mid-day Anchor	Spectrum News 13	Not Opened	0
Ms. Mindy Levy Program Director & Morning Show Host	WLRQ-FM	Not Opened	0
Ms. Shandra Littleton On Air Personality	WLDD-FM	Not Opened	0
Mr. Bryan Llenas National Correspondent	FOX News Channel	Opened	0
Ms. Brenda Locklear Reporter	Sumter County Times	Not Opened	0
Ms. Gisselle López Reporter & Anchor	WRMD-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Miguelangel Lopez Vice President of News	WTMO-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Alexa Lorenzo Anchor & Reporter	WFTV-TV	Not Opened	0

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Mr. Tom Lowell Executive Vice President/Managing Editor of News	FOX News Channel	Not Opened	0
Ms. Christine Ly Digital & Website Coordinator	BC Outdoors Hunting and Shooting	Opened	0
Mr. Pat Lynch Host	WJRR-FM	Not Opened	0
Ms. Victoria Lyons Executive Producer	WKMG-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. James Madison Editor and Publisher	The Florida Sun	Opened	0
Mr. Johnny Magic Host	Johnny's House - WXXL-FM	Opened	0
Ms. Julie Maglio Editor & Publisher	Hernando Sun	Not Opened	0
Mr. Dennis Maley Columnist & Senior Editor	The Bradenton Times	Not Opened	0
Ms. Lauren Malm Senior Digital Marketing Specialist	TacticalGear.com News	Not Opened	0
Ms. AJ Malone On-Air Personality	WXTB-FM	Not Opened	0
Ms. B.C. Manion Editor	The Laker/Lutz News	Opened	0
Mr. Kelly Many Guns Public Relations / Advertising Sales Manager	First Nations Drum	Not Opened	0
Ms. Melissa Marino Reporter and Anchor	WFLA-TV	Opened	0
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Mr. Tony Marrero Hillsborough Law Enforcement Reporter & Staff Writer	Tampa Bay Times - Tampa Bureau	Not Opened	0

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Mr. Jake Martens Director Media and Events, Editor Front Sight	Front Sight	Not Opened	0
Mr. David Martin Reporter	WOFL-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Chris Martinez Anchor	WFLA-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Marlei Martinez Reporter	WESH-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Justin Matthews Multimedia Journalist & Reporter	WTVT-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Michael Matti Photographer	Michael Matti - Instagram	Not Opened	0
Ms. Fadia Mayté Patterson Reporter & Multimedia Journalist	Spectrum Bay News 9	Not Opened	0
Mr. John McCarthy Special Projects & Space Editor	Florida Today	Opened	0
Mr. Matthew McClellan Anchor & Reporter	WTVT-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Qwesi McCray Reporter	WFTV-TV	Opened	0
Ms. Allison McGinley News Director	WKMG-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Angela McGlowan Political Analyst	FOX News Channel	Not Opened	0
Ms. Janna McGowan Writer	The Park Press	Bounced	0
Ms. Anjali McGuire On Air Personality	WBTP-FM	Not Opened	0
Ms. Amanda McKenzie Reporter	WOFL-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Xavier McKnight Digital Content Producer	WWSB-TV Online	Opened	2

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Ms. Lynda McLaughlin Executive Producer	The Sean Hannity Show	Opened	0
Ms. Tracey McManus Clearwater and Scientology Reporter	Tampa Bay Times	Not Opened	0
Ms. Claire McNeill Enterprise Editor	Tampa Bay Times	Not Opened	0
Mr. Landon McReynolds News and Digital Content Producer	WKMG-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Cait McVey Reporter	Spectrum Bay News 9	Not Opened	0
Ms. Melissa Medalie Vice President & News Director	WOFL-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Jeff Meesey Content Strategy Analyst	Florida Today Online	Not Opened	0
Ms. Megan Mellado Reporter	WESH-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Peggy Melton Advertising Manager	Artilleryman	Not Opened	0
Mr. Keith Memoly Director of Branding and Programming	WDBO-FM	Not Opened	0
Ms. Marlene Mendoza Executive Producer	Spectrum News 13	Not Opened	0
Ms. Michelle Meredith Reporter	WESH-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Aaron Mesmer General Assignment Reporter	WTVT-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Claire Metz Bureau Chief & Reporter	WESH-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Ron Michaels On Air Personality	WXTB-FM	Not Opened	0
Mr. Bill Mick Program Director/Talk host	WMMB-AM	Not Opened	0

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Ms. Daylina Miller Multimedia Journalist/Reporter	WUSF-FM	Not Opened	0
Ms. Judith Miller Contributor	FOX News Channel	Not Opened	0
Mr. Mike Mitchell Associate Publisher & Editor	BC Outdoors Hunting and Shooting	Not Opened	0
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Ms. Laura Moody Morning News Anchor	Good Day Tampa Bay 6AM - WTWT-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Kristin Moore Special Projects Producer	WTWT-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Sarah Moore News Director	WFTS-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Athina Morris Digital Content Producer	WFLA-TV Online	Not Opened	0
Mr. Mark Moses Program Director & Sports Talk Show Host	WLZR-AM	Opened	2
Ms. Crystal Moyer Anchor and Reporter	WKMG-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Bob Mudge Senior Writer	Venice Gondolier Sun	Not Opened	0
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Ms. Gail Paschall-Brown Reporter	WESH-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Kevin Paulson Founder/CEO/Publisher & Blogger	HuntingLife	Opened	2
Mr. Charles Payne Contributor	FOX News Channel	Not Opened	0
Mr. Jim Payne Anchor	WESH-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Lisa Peakes Host	All Things Considered - WUSF-FM	Not Opened	0
Mr. Lane Pearce Contributor	Shooting Times	Not Opened	0
Ms. Jennifer Peñate Anchor and Reporter	WFLA-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Rafael Perez-Narvaez News Director	WRMD-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Trevor Pettiford Senior Reporter	Spectrum Bay News 9	Not Opened	0
Mr. David Petzal Rifles Editor	Field & Stream	Not Opened	0

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Mr. Felix Pirela Reporter	WTMO-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Todd Piro Co-Host	FOX & Friends - FOX News Channel	Not Opened	0
Mr. Chad Pitt On Air Personality	WMGF-FM	Opened	0
Mr. Eric Poole Editor	Guns & Ammo	Opened	2
Mr. Dave Poore Promotion/Station Manager & Host	WSBH-FM	Opened	0
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Mr. David Puglisi News Reporter	WOFL-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Cristina Puig News Anchor & Reporter	WRMD-TV	Not Opened	0
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Mr. Larry Richards Senior Producer/Supervisor	WFTS-TV	Opened	0
Mr. John Richardson Editor & Blogger	No Lawyers - Only Guns and Money	Not Opened	0
Ms. Monica Richardson Executive Editor	Bradenton Herald	Opened	0
Mr. Fredy Riehl Editor in Chief	AmmoLand Shooting Sports News	Opened	1
Mr. Brian Ries Engagement Editor	Sarasota Herald-Tribune Online	Not Opened	0
Ms. Deiah Riley News Anchor	ABC Action News Morning - WFTS-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Ray Roa Editor in Chief	Creative Loafing Tampa	Not Opened	0
Ms. Deanne Roberts King Traffic Anchor/News Reporter	WFLA-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Stephanie Roberts Co-Host/Producer	Suncoast View - WWSB-TV	Opened	2
Ms. Courtney Robinson Enterprise/Investigative Reporter & Anchor	WTSP-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Travis Rodgers News Producer	WRDQ-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Diedra Rodriguez Digital Content Creator	WTVT-TV Online	Not Opened	0
Mr. Josh Rojas Reporter	Spectrum Bay News 9	Not Opened	0
Mr. Russ Rollins Radio Host	WTKS-FM	Not Opened	0

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Ms. Allison Ross State Government & Politics Editor	Tampa Bay Times	Not Opened	0
Mr. Jim Ross Managing Editor	Ocala Star-Banner	Opened	1
Ms. Beth Rousseau Reporter	WFLA-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. J. Scott Rupp Editor	Handguns	Not Opened	0
Mr. J. Scott Rupp Editor	Rifle Shooter	Not Opened	0
Mr. John Rusnak General Manager	Northwest Sportsman	Opened	0
Ms. Daisy Ruth Digital Producer & Digital Reporter	WFLA-TV Online	Not Opened	0
Ms. Nancy Ryan Special Projects Producer	WFLA-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Wendy Ryan News Anchor	ABC Action News at 11PM - WFTS-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Jeremy S Deputy Editor	The Truth About Guns	Not Opened	0
Mr. Tony Sadiku Meteorologist/Reporter	WTVT-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Lisa Sagers Managing Editor	Southwest Orlando Bulletin	Not Opened	0
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Ms. Julie Salomone Reporter	WFTS-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Jennifer Sangalang Social Media Strategist/Senior Digital Producer	Florida Today	Not Opened	0
Mr. John Sarmiento Reporter	WRMD-TV	Not Opened	0
Ms. Katie Sauro Associate Editor/Research Director	American Shooting Journal	Not Opened	0
Ms. Katie Sauro Associate Editor/Research Director	Northwest Sportsman	Not Opened	0
Mr. Adam Scepaniak Staff Writer	The Firearm Blog	Opened	0
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Mr. Kevin Seraaj Publisher	The Orlando Advocate	Not Opened	0
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Mr. Eric Shawn Anchor & Senior Correspondent	FOX News Channel	Not Opened	0

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Ms. Cindy Sherwin Videojournalist	CFCF-DT (CTV Montreal)	Not Opened	0
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Mr. Sam Singal Group Vice President	Spectrum News 13	Opened	0
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Ms. LuAnne Sorrell Anchor	WOFL-TV	Not Opened	0
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Mr. James Sparvero Reporter	WKMG-TV	Opened	0
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Mr. Daniel Trotta Correspondent	Reuters - USA, NY, New York Bureau	Not Opened	0
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Ms. Brianda Villegas Features Reporter	WFLA-TV	Opened	0
Mr. Erik von Ancken Anchor & Reporter	WKMG-TV	Not Opened	0
Mr. Joseph von Benedikt Hunting Editor	Shooting Times	Not Opened	0
Mr. Andy Walgamott Editor	Alaska Sporting Journal	Opened	0
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Mr. Bob Walker Vice President of Programming & Program Director	WPCV-FM	Opened	0
Mr. Greg Warmoth Anchor	Eyewitness News at 11:00 PM - WFTV-TV	Not Opened	0
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Mr. James Warner Assistant News Director	WOFL-TV	Opened	1
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Mr. Dave Workman Senior Editor	The GunMag.com	Not Opened	0
Mr. Tim Wronka Reporter	Spectrum Bay News 9	Not Opened	0
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VIDEO: Rare Breed Triggers Versus the ATF Over the FRT-15 Trigger



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Rare Breed Trigger VS ATF Public Response (8-19-2021)



Florida-based gun company, Rare Breed Triggers, was recently served with a cease-and-desist order from the **ATF**, regarding its FRT-15 **trigger**. Following the order, Rare Breed Triggers' President, Lawrence DeMonico, issued a statement of noncompliance, in a recorded statement posted online.

Rare Breed Triggers Takes on the ATF

The cease-and-desist order, issued on July 26, alleges that the FRT-15 semi-auto trigger is actually a **machine gun**. The order insists that **Rare Breed Triggers** immediately halt all production and sales of the trigger. They are also to create plans to address the triggers that have already been sold or distributed.

In the video DeMonico makes the case that the FRT-15 "cannot fire more than one round by a single function of the trigger." Since this is the most pertinent portion of the definition of machine gun, it lays the foundation for **civilly** disobeying the order.

During the creation of the FRT-15, they consulted four subject matter experts to verify that the trigger was within guidelines. All of the experts agreed that the FRT-15 is not in fact a machine gun as defined by federal law. Within the group was a practicing attorney and former resident ATF agent in charge, who retired with 25 years' service.



(Photo by CMMG)

In addition to the public statement posted by DeMonico, Rare Breed Triggers also immediately responded to the ATF directly. In the response it notified the ATF that it did not agree with the claim. Rare Breed followed this by filing a **lawsuit** in the United States Federal Court for the Middle District of Florida.

"To put it simply, our trigger is not a machine gun as the ATF **alleges**, and we have complied fully with the law throughout the manufacture and production of this product," DeMonico said. "What's dangerous is that the ATF is no longer just enforcing the law, but starting under the Trump administration and continuing through the Biden administration, the ATF and other agencies which are supposed to enforce the law, now believe that they can reinterpret and change the law, whenever it suits their desires."

An Alarmed Public

In the video statement DeMonico addresses many concerned citizens who worry that they will become felons overnight. He makes it clear that owning an FRT-15 does not make you a **felon**—yet.

He points out that the only entity served with a cease-and-desist is Rare Breed Triggers. It has zero relevance to anyone who owns an FRT-15 trigger.

Now that Rare Breed Triggers has filed a suit, the litigation must play out before any determination can be made. The ATF cannot address any FRT-15's currently in circulation until the final ruling has been made. He also reminds us that, to date, there hasn't been one prosecution or conviction of a **bump stock** owner.

"We're going to see this through, because this is a fight to protect not only the second amendment, but really all of our freedoms," DeMonico said. "We're seeing more and more examples of our government's agencies acting without the authority to do so, and far too few seem to be standing up for our freedoms."

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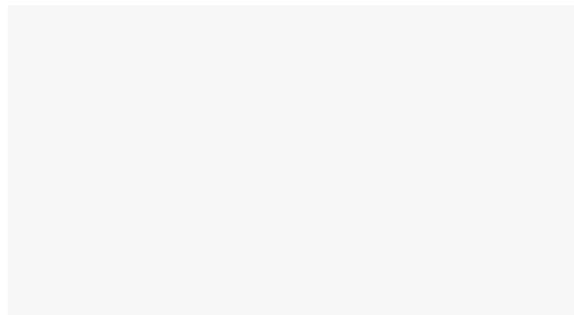
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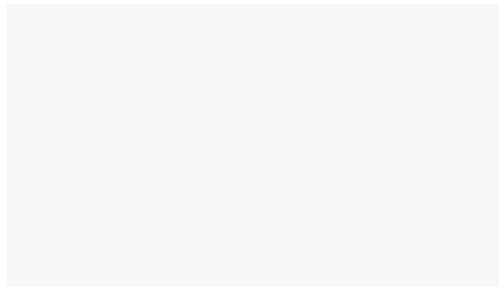
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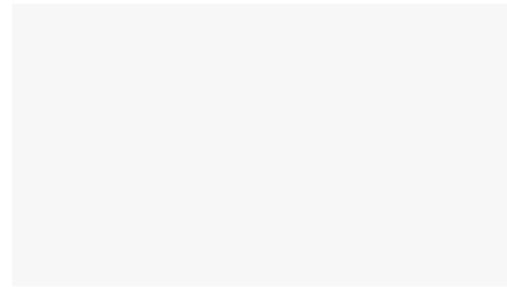
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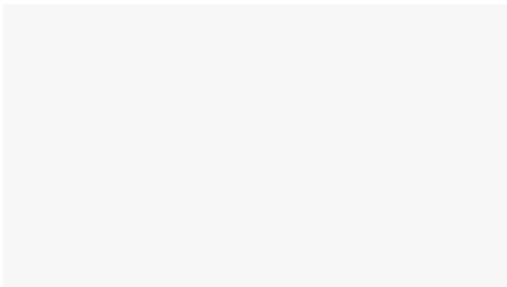
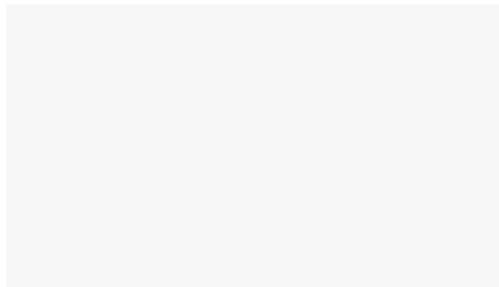


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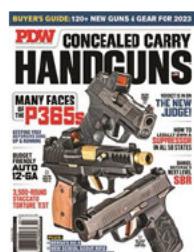
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ATF VS. RBT: RARE BREED TRIGGERS DEFIES CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

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SEPTEMBER 08, 2021 By [Tim Cooper](https://freerangeamerican.us/tim-cooper/) (<https://freerangeamerican.us/tim-cooper/>)

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is looking to ban yet another firearm accessory. This time the agency has its sights set on Orlando-based Rare Breed Triggers (RBT), the manufacturer of a drop-in AR-15 trigger.

The unique FRT-15 (forced reset trigger) increases the speed with which a shooter can fire a semi-automatic firearm. The ATF says this feature makes it a “machine gun” by legal definition and that the trigger should therefore be heavily restricted.

Agents from the ATF’s Tampa Field Division paid a visit to RBT headquarters on July 26 to notify the company of alleged violations and deliver a cease and desist letter. The company told the ATF to pound sand.



In the two-page cease and desist request (<https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/21047814/01-9.pdf>) presented to RBT, the agency claims the FRT-15 trigger is a machine gun as defined by the National Firearms Act (<https://www.atf.gov/file/58141/download>). The company was instructed to immediately halt all production of the trigger and send a plan to the ATF within five days for addressing triggers that have already been sold.

RBT’s legal counsel disagreed and fired back immediately (<https://theinfidel.co/blogs/rare-breed-news/rare-breed-triggers-response-letter-to-the-atf-cease-and-desist>), disputing the ATF’s claims. The attorneys then filed a federal lawsuit against the agency and the attorney general, *Rare Breed Triggers, LLC v. Garland* (https://www.pacermonitor.com/public/case/41240969/Rare_Breed_Triggers,_LLC_et_al_v_Garland_et_al), in the 11th Circuit court.

“When Congress wrote the law defining a machine gun, they drew a box. They said, ‘If you stay in this box, it’s not a machine gun; but if you step out of the box, it *is* a machine gun,’” said RBT president Lawrence DeMonico. “Well, I found a way to attain my goal and stay within the box. Now the ATF wants to change the shape of that box. As an executive agency, they don’t get to do that. The ATF is not allowed to create legislation. That’s Congress’ job.”

It should be noted that RBT did not seek ATF approval for the FRT-15 before bringing the product to market. While this step is not a legal requirement, many companies voluntarily choose to make it a part of the R&D process.



Rare Breed Triggers FRT - Full Video

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Much like the stabilizing brace issue (<https://freerangeamerican.us/atf-pistol-braces-and-sbbs/>) that came to light late last year targeting Q, LLC's Honey Badger AR pistol (<https://freerangeamerican.us/honey-badger-atf/>), RBT's lawsuit has the potential to become another high-profile showdown with an anti-gun presidential administration on one side and Second Amendment advocates and gun owners on the other.

What's Unique About the FRT-15

After pulling a conventional semi-automatic trigger, the shooter must manually release it and allow it to travel to its reset point under light spring pressure before the trigger can be pulled again.

As its name implies, the FRT-15's trigger is *forced* to reset very quickly after a shot is fired when the bolt carrier group returns forward, whether the trigger is released or not. This allows for extremely fast follow-up shots, but the trigger must still be pulled each time a round is fired.

In contrast, when a full-auto or machine gun trigger is pulled and remains depressed, the firearm will continue to fire repeatedly until it's out of ammunition or the trigger is released.

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Without prior knowledge of how the FRT-15 works, a live demonstration (<https://vimeo.com/486478480>) of a firearm with the trigger installed would surely convince most people – gun novices and experts alike – they'd just seen a machine gun in action. A standard 30-round magazine can be emptied in a few seconds, and the rapid reports would sound a lot like full-auto gunfire.

However, the legal definition of a machine gun has nothing to do with how fast a gun can be shot or the sound it makes but rather the number of rounds that are fired with a *single* function or “pull” of the trigger.

According to 26 USC 5845(b) (<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/26/5845>):

*A machine gun is any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically **more than one shot**, without manual reloading, **by a single function of the trigger**. The term shall also include the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any part designed and intended solely and exclusively, or combination of parts designed and intended, for use in converting a weapon into a machine gun, and any combination of parts from which a machine gun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession or under the control of a person.*



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The ATF's cease and desist letter claimed the agency had examined the FRT-15 trigger and determined it met the definition of a fully automatic machine gun, as described above. However, the letter offered no details about the examination or additional documentation.

"The directives laid out in the cease and desist [letter] were based on an *alleged* examination performed by the ATF," DeMonico said in the video above posted Aug. 21 on Vimeo (<https://vimeo.com/589573539>). "I say 'alleged examination' because no copy of the examination was provided with the cease and desist. And during the conversation that followed, not only did [the ATF agent] admit he had not actually seen a copy of the examination, but in addition, he stated he hadn't even seen an actual sample of the FRT trigger."

Putting Up a Fight

So what makes RBT confident it can successfully challenge the bureaucratic might that is the ATF?



Simply put, the company feels it can prove that the FRT-15 does not meet the legal definition of a machine gun in a court of law. While the trigger certainly enables a firearm to be fired quickly, RBT says it does so within the design parameters of a perfectly legal, semi-automatic trigger.

“It’s not how fast the gun shoots,” DeMonico told ABC affiliate WFTV in Orlando (<https://www.wftv.com/news/9investigates/orlando-based-company-suing-atf-debate-over-an-ar-15-attachment/432URMUUABDBHLB66WNVRSOQME/>). “It’s how the gun shoots fast.”

DeMonico is quick to point out that this is not only his opinion but also the opinion of his attorneys.

“I didn’t prepare for a fight just to have a fight,” DeMonico told *Free Range American*. “However, I knew I had to dot my i’s and cross my t’s. Everything I do in life is based upon the notion that I don’t move until I’m sure it’s safe to move. I mean, I’m damn sure not looking to go to jail. Right? Rare Breed Triggers might be new to the scene, but it is not a new endeavor for me. I have been working on the FRT for about four years. When we got a prototype that seemed to work, it was like, ‘Holy shit. We might be onto something here!'”





The FRT-15 drop-in AR-15 trigger from Rare Breed Triggers is under attack from the ATF.

"We knew we needed some expert legal opinions if we were going to bring this thing to market. And I didn't just jump on YouTube and gather a bunch of half-baked opinions of some third-string 'gun-tubers,'" he added. "All four of my legal experts have testified on behalf of the [Department of Justice] and ATF in countless cases. I didn't set out to do something illegal. Did I know some people wouldn't like what I was doing? Sure. But there are haters everywhere. It doesn't matter what you do. Someone out there is not going to like it."

The collection of rebuttal statements (<https://theinfidel.co/blogs/rare-breed-news>) written by the company's legal team shows RBT was indeed fully prepared for this legal battle long before it happened.

The company is taking heat from some in the firearms community for failing to seek ATF approval for the trigger before releasing it, despite being under no legal obligation to do so. DeMonico said he firmly believes his team's due diligence was so exhaustive that prior approval by the ATF was unnecessary.

There has been no public response from the ATF. The agency typically does not comment on pending litigation, but this case is bound to produce some fireworks. We'll keep a close eye on it.

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September 13, 2021 at 4:37 pm (<https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/#comment-193>)

This is a perfect example of a small business making a product that is new and exciting and untouchable by any other competition and gun control nuts we're gonna jump all over instead of supporting small small businesses made in America supporting Americans supporting American workers when is it OK for conservatives to actually get a A back bone and say enough is enough stop tearing up our constitution where are the Republicans at ??????????

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Independents against political cults (<https://www.facebook.com/Independents-Against-Political-Cults-106783424704072>) says

October 12, 2021 at 11:58 am (<https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/#comment-243>)

Republicans are basically the same as Democrats with different talking points. A republican president who just got out of office used the 2nd amendment to wipe his ass with and infringed upon it multiple times.

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What we need is for people to stop voting for these loser- Republican and Democrat alike....Vote Libertarian – They actually want to abolish the atf- Rs and Ds want to cup the atfs balls and let them continue to illegally regulate something they have no constitutional power to do so

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Charles Ray says

December 24, 2021 at 11:09 pm (<https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/#comment-397>)

VOTE LIBERTARIAN = VOTE FOR NO BORDER ENFORCEMENT.

“Libertarians” are simply leftists pitching a single issue platform to simpletons who don’t time to research the “Libertarian” agenda and long game.

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Ricky (<http://snnipercountry>) says

September 16, 2021 at 11:53 am (<https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/#comment-198>)

Fuck um it’s gtg Sue the left government under evil Biden’s now this trigger is not a full auto they month is and in court there will lose stocking un China takeover left now must go down

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Zach Morgan says

September 26, 2021 at 1:43 am (<https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/#comment-214>)

Please notify me when more frt-15 triggers are available.

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John F. says

[February 11, 2022 at 11:11 am \(https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/#comment-489\)](#)

They are currently available as of 2/11/22.

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[November 03, 2021 at 1:59 am \(https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/#comment-293\)](#)

Please notify me when more are available, Need for Christmas!

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[rod neeley \(http://yahoo\)](#) says

[November 18, 2021 at 3:21 am \(https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/#comment-315\)](#)

Great job. You did a hell of a job on this product. If they are going to give you a heard time, them go ahead (as a last resort) and require each trigger to get a tax stamp, Hey its not right, but its better than not having the trigger at all.

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mark says

[March 01, 2022 at 6:41 pm \(https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/#comment-523\)](#)

Rod, Its the last resort mentality that weakens our ability to hold off tyranny. It spends away bit by bit our freedom my forefathers bestowed us. People died for the rights in the constitution. Please don't disregard there sacrifice without considering why they died and admit how stone cold stupid living under what they provided many are. Shall not be infringed was the established line needed to keep you from being sacrificed. Hold the line or die holding the line that gives educated people that do value freedom the ability to protect it. Our Freedom is not yours to give away.

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BravoSierra says

[December 27, 2021 at 10:10 pm \(https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/#comment-403\)](#)

Except if they are listed as f/a then it defaults back to the 1986 GCA, and you or I won't be able to own one.

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February 03, 2022 at 12:12 pm (<https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/#comment-474>)

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February 17, 2022 at 8:02 pm (<https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/#comment-500>)

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February 17, 2022 at 8:04 pm (<https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/#comment-501>)

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February 17, 2022 at 8:19 pm (<https://freerangeamerican.us/rare-breed-triggers-atf-letter/#comment-502>)

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AR Trigger Company Tells ATF to 'Stick It'

A strong response from a trigger company attorney to a cease-and-desist letter sent by the ATF has the internet abuzz with its boldness and common sense.



Rare Breed FRT-15 Trigger (Photo courtesy of Rare Breed Triggers)

August 13, 2021

By Mark Chesnut

Rare Breed Triggers, a company based in Orlando, Florida, makes the FRT-15 trigger—a trigger that operates somewhat differently than other triggers on the market. Apparently, because of the ability for shooters to fire guns with an FRT-15 trigger faster than those with some other triggers, the ATF recently sent Rare Breed a cease and desist order.

Editor's Note: Lawrence DeMonico, president of Rare Breed Triggers makes a public statement regarding the lawsuit filed by RBT against the ATF, DOJ, and AG. Watch the video below.

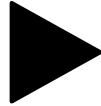


“As the Rare Breed Trigger FRT-15 is a machine gun under the NFA, it is subject to the registration, transfer, taxation and possession restrictions applicable to these regulated weapons, which include criminal penalties relating to the illegal transfer and possession

of said weapons," the ATF wrote in its letter.

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The important thing to remember here is that the National Firearms Act defines a "machine gun" to include any combination of parts designed and intended for use in converting a weapon to shoot automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger. While the ATF's examination allegedly found

that the Rare Breed trigger allows a firearm to “shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, with a single continuous pull of the trigger,” in reality the FRT trigger does require a “single function” of the trigger to fire each shot.

That’s what prompted the prompt and stern reply from Kevin Maxwell, general counsel for Rare Breed.

“RBT disagrees with any conclusion which suggests the FRT-15 can shoot more than one round by a single function of the trigger,” Maxwell wrote in a letter addressed to Craig Saier, special agent in charge of the Tampa Field Division. The letter was subsequently widely circulated on the internet. “This is not just my opinion. Before the first FRT-15 was manufactured, the design was reviewed in detail by Retired Special Agent Kevin McCann, Esquire, and former ATF Special Agent, Program Manager and Chief Firearms Technology Instructor Daniel G. O’Kelly. The conclusion of that review determined the FRT-15 is not a machine gun.”

Consequently, Maxwell and RBT are demanding that the ATF reveal what kind of examination was conducted to make the new determination.

“I must dispute the letter’s claim in its entirety and demand strict proof of same, including an unredacted copy of what I expect is a Report of Technical Examination from the examiner within the Firearms Technology Branch,” Maxwell wrote. “In the absence of that, I must demand an unredacted copy of whatever other ‘examination’ led to the issuance of the letter.”

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Maxwell pointed out that federal agencies can’t just change the rule of law without going through proper channels, and that doesn’t seem to be the case in this instance. Consequently, he says the agency’s letter is way out of line.

"The letter improperly threatens criminal prosecution without proper notice," he stressed. "This makes the legality of your determination even more unreasonable. The Supreme Court has ruled that due process bars enforcement of criminal statutes where an agency improperly changes course with respect to conduct it deems unlawful. This is because an improper regulation change or reinterpretation makes it impossible for the average person to know what is illegal."

In the end, Maxwell said that Rare Breed Trigger doesn't intend to stop making the FRT-15 triggers anytime soon, regardless of what the cease and desist letter said.

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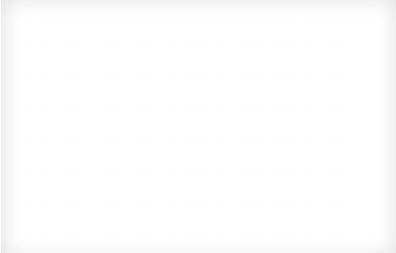
“I stand ready to receive the information demanded above,” Maxwell concluded. “Until then, RBT must respectfully decline the letter’s demands. Make no mistake, RBT will fully cooperate with any reasonable ATF investigation. However, it cannot simply acquiesce to the destruction of its business based upon ATF fiat that finds no support in its prior rulings applicable to law, rule or regulation.”

We’ll keep an eye on this controversy as it unfolds and report on it again when it has passed the-dueling-letters stage.

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HydroR Discussion starter

· Aug 14, 2021

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[ATF Determines That The Rare Breed FRT-15 Trigger is A Machine Gun](#)

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And their lawyer's response:



Rare Breed Triggers Response Letter to the ATF Cease and Desist

Below is the PACER downloaded response filed by attorney (and owner of Rare Breed Triggers) Kevin Maxwell to the ATF and DOJ Cease and Desist Letter. The level of due diligence and preparation that went into this product are absolutely stunning. I don't see how the ATF wins this one, their...

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JTJ · #3 · Aug 14, 2021

The ATF uses intimidation. They lose in court frequently. They rely on people not having the finances to fight them. The ATF needs to be held accountable for damages.

Patron Member NRA

"I would not be an old man if I had not been an armed young man." JTJ

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Sniper03 · #4 · Aug 14, 2021

The ATF under the present Administration will no doubt try to exert power over companies and gun owners.

The bottom line, unless a corrupt Judge makes a ruling in favor of the Anti-Second Amendment Group. It will no doubt result in it going to a higher court. Bottom line the Trigger is "NOT" a Machine Gun Part. A single pull of the Trigger to fire a Single Round negates it being a machine gun part "By Law!" 😊

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The Constitution is not an instrument for the Government to restrain the people. It is an instrument for the people to restrain the Government!

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JTJ · #5 · Aug 14, 2021



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"I would not be an old man if I had not been an armed young man." JTJ

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donthav1 · #6 · Aug 16, 2021

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Sniper03 said:

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03

I had never heard of this trigger, so i checked out a few youtube videos. The common thing most of the youtubers said was as long as you keep pressure on the trigger, the gun will continue to fire. Several videos showed one continuous trigger pull emptying a magazine.

I wish Rare Breed luck in their lawsuit, but i don't see things turning in their favor.

All I've had today is like 6 gummi bears & some scotch

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Yeah, I don't expect they'll win. But, according to the rules, it is technically, or should be, legal, it does require a complete cycle of the trigger for each round fired. It's how it completes that cycle that makes it controversial.

I shoulda grabbed one while they were available. Lol.

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 **Clifffalling** · #8 · Aug 16, 2021 

HydroR said: 

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Ha! Better that you didn't . I could never get it to work properly. My sense is that even the ones who do get it to work have to be very careful, as it is finicky.

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 **HydroR** **Discussion starter** · #9 · Aug 16, 2021 

Ah, so you finally got yours? What kind of issues are you having with it?

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 **Clifffalling** · #10 · Aug 16, 2021 

HydroR said: 

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Gave some feed back in this thread. Super not happy.

 **Rare breed FRT**
<https://www.thetruthaboutguns.com/new-the-rare-breed-triggers-frt-15-forced-reset-ar-15-trigger/>
Just looking for peoples thoughts and opinions on this trigger, hopefully hear from an owner. Not looking to discuss if I should "pony up and buy a registered full auto" or not or current ammo...

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 **Gunz** · #11 · Aug 16, 2021 (Edited) 

Doesn't surprise me at all ATF is going after this.

Unless you want to surrender everything, don't surrender anything

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 **Maineiak** · #12 · Aug 16, 2021 

Anyone who installed one of these triggers better take it out, because sounds like you made a machine gun. Wouldn't be surprising if the ATF gets a list of everyone they sold to.

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 **HydroR** Discussion starter · #13 · Aug 16, 2021 

Clifffalling said: 

Gave some feed back in this thread. Super not happy.



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Ah geez, that sucks.

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 **Freeportfreedom** · #14 · Oct 10, 2022 

My buddy bought one from gun broker a year or so ago. It was fun to shoot but he had to buy an

We ran a few hundred rounds through it. I like my Franklin binary better, with enough practice I can shoot almost as fast... Surprised the atf hasn't gone for them yet.

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 **HydroR** Discussion starter · #15 · Oct 10, 2022 

Shhhh, don't give them any ideas.....

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 **Freeportfreedom** · #16 · Oct 10, 2022 

HydroR said: 

Shhhh, don't give them any ideas.....



They won't be able test it with a zip tie.

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Legal battle over trigger that makes AR-15s fire faster has Arizona-based company concerned over outcome

By Steve Nielsen | Published January 4, 2022 | Updated 7:39PM | Business | FOX 10 Phoenix | 

Chandler-based company concerned over outcome of legal battle over trigger that makes AR-15s fire faster

A federal battle over a small gun part is hitting close to home for one Chandler-based company, which claims they are the largest dealer in the country for a trigger that has caught the attention of the ATF. FOX 10's Steve Nielsen reports.

PHOENIX - A federal battle over a small gun part is hitting close to home, as a Chandler-based business says they are the largest dealer in the country of a trigger that can make AR-15s fire faster.

However, officials with the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives) say it is so fast, that it should be classified as a machine gun. ATF officials have tried to stop its production, but the manufacturer says what they are doing is perfectly legal.

Gun part among the most popular product sold by company

The part in question is called the Rare Breed FRT-15 trigger. It is made by Rare Breed Triggers.

"Super small and super fast. Still within the rules," said Randy Looke with Chandler-based Preppers Discount.

The new type of trigger only needs an eighth of an inch to reset.

"Even though it's an eighth of an inch, you're still pulling that trigger every single time," said Looke.

Officials with Preppers Discount say they can't keep the \$450 to \$600 part in stock.

"This is by far our most popular product we've ever sold," said Looke. "By far, hands down."



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Company officials, however, say because the trigger has to be pulled for every bullet, it is still semi-automatic. In a phone call, the owner of Rare Breed said they have submitted evidence and opinions, and resubmitted it to the ATF for reconsideration.

"Our legal position remains that as the law is written, the FRT-15 is a perfectly legal semi-automatic trigger," the owner said.

Legal Expert weighs in

Firearms legal analyst Marc Victor says with the National Firearms Act, semantics are important.

"There are many areas, as you can imagine, especially when you're dealing with firearms, that we just don't know what the answer is," said Victor.

For Preppers Discount, the outcome of the battle will be massive, since they claim they are the largest dealer of the trigger in the country.

"This is a national thing that can affect millions of Americans," said Looke.

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The president of a Florida-based gun and trigger company released a recorded statement on August 20, 2021, saying his company will not be complying with a

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cease-and-desist order issued by the ATF in late July.

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Rare Breed Trigger's ATF Response: The Hero We Need

Forrest Cooper

August 23, 2021

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In the last few months, we have seen a dramatic uptick in the presence of the ATF in the eyes of the public. From the struggling nomination of David Chipman for the position of Director, to the attempt to redefine what is considered a receiver for the sake of regulation, to the current reclassification of Pistol Stabilizing Braces as criteria for considering a firearm an **SBR**, these events have drawn the attention of our firearms culture. As the bump stock ban from the previous administration faces more and more challenges, the ATF has sent a cease-and-desist letter to Rare Breed Triggers, regarding the manufacturing of the FRT-15. In cases like this, we often sink into a familiar pattern: the articles are written, attention gathered, with most of the work being done outside of the public's eye. The Rare Breed Triggers ATF Response, however, sings a different tune.

The FRT-15 is one example of why definitions matter, and why there must be a partition between the person who interprets a **law**, and the one who enforces it. The FRT-15 is a drop-in trigger replacement for AR-15 style rifles that utilizes a mechanism to force the reset of the trigger. This is where it gets its name, as the Forced Reset Trigger, and the result is the ability for a disciplined trigger finger to fire quickly, too quickly it seems, for the ATF to let it go. As a result, Rare Breed Triggers received a Cease and Desist letter from the ATF, who claimed that the FRT-15 was determined to be a Machine gun, and subject to regulations accordingly.

Much like language, the law fails to govern successfully when definitions are not followed or can be arbitrarily ignored by enforcing agencies out of expediency. So when the ATF is given a working definition for a machine gun, and then claims that something which does not fit within that definition is now considered to be one, not only does the integrity of the law suffer, but the safety and well being of the people.

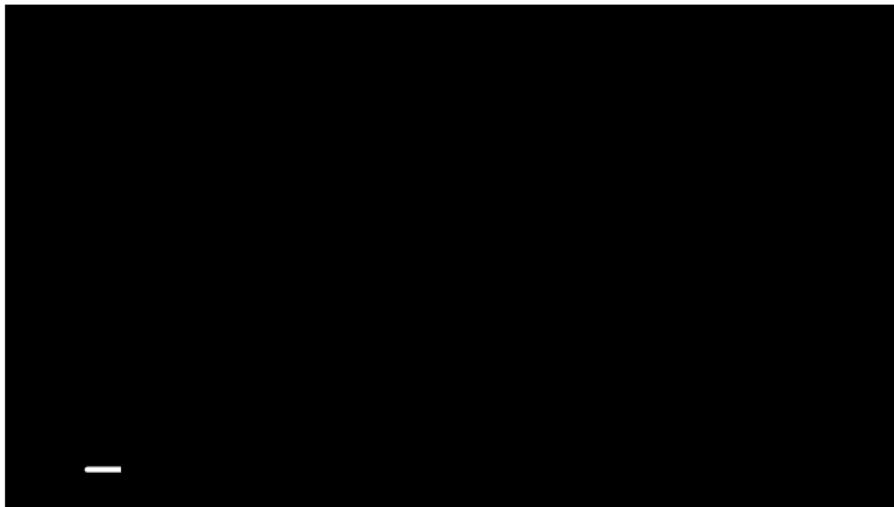


MECHANISMS AND DEFINITIONS

A machine gun is defined by the National Firearms Act 26 U.S.C. 5845(b) as **any combination of parts designed and intended for use in converting a weapon to shoot automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading**, by a single function of the trigger.

This working definition is used in such a way to identify items that in and of themselves, could not possibly meet the definition of a machinegun, much less a firearm: a trigger or bump stock does not itself have a barrel and cannot expel a projectile through the expansion of gasses in a contained chamber. The FRT-15 does not fit the definition presented either, but appears to be considered a machine gun simply because the ATF cannot tell the difference when someone is

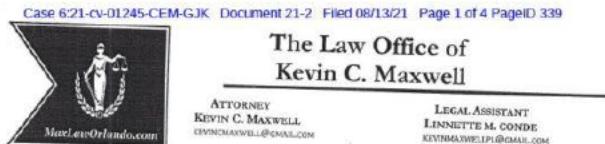
using it. If this were allowed to be the standard, then illiteracy would be the highest form of virtue.



The crux of the definition rests on the human input: one round fired per function of the trigger. There is a difference between being able to pull the trigger quickly, and simply hold it down. What the Rare Breed Triggers FRT-15 does is mechanically reset the trigger, while preventing the hammer to drop until the bolt is locked into the chamber. What it does not do is allow the hammer to drop without the trigger being pulled again by the wielder. One function of the trigger: one shot fired.

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When Rare Breed Triggers received a cease-and-desist order from the ATF, it included an additional requirement for the manufacturer to contact the ATF and establish a plan of what to do with the FRT-15 triggers that had already been sold. The authority of the ATF has been challenged in the past, and so when Rare Breed Triggers gave their response, it wasn't without some recognition of what could happen next.



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August 2, 2021

Re: In Response to Cease and Desist- Rare Breed Triggers, FRT-15

Dear Special Agent in Charge Saier

I represent Rare Breed Triggers, LLC ("RBT"). I write in response to your letter dated July 26, 2021 ("The Letter"), which was provided to me by hand delivery on July 27, 2021 by you and Amy Freyermuth, Esquire. Your letter directs RBT to "cease and desist all manufacture and transfer of Rare Breed Trigger FRT-15" and to "contact ATF within 5 days of receipt of this letter to develop a plan for addressing those machineguns already distributed."

The Letter bases its directives on an alleged "examination" finding that the FRT-15 has been properly classified as a machinegun as defined in the National Firearms Act (NFA). While The Letter refers to such "examination" in its first paragraph, I say "alleged" above because you stated during our July 27, 2021 conversation that you have not seen any examination done by the ATF concluding that the FRT-15 is a machinegun. Neither had Mrs. Freyermuth seen any such examination and neither of you had a copy you could provide.

While I thank you for your frankness, courtesy, and professionalism during our meeting, I must dispute The Letter's claims in its entirety and demand strict proof of same, including an unredacted copy of what I expect is a Report of Technical Examination from the examiner within the Firearms Technology Branch. In the absence of that, I must demand an unredacted copy of whatever other "examination" led to the issuance of The Letter.

RBT disagrees with any conclusion which suggests the FRT-15 can shoot more than one round by a single function of the trigger. This is not just my opinion. Before the first FRT-15 was manufactured, the design was reviewed in detail by Retired Special Agent Kevin McCann, Esquire and former ATF Senior Special Agent, Program Manager and Chief Firearms Technology

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Exhibit "B" Response to Motion in Limine

Found on Reddit, this is possibly the Response letter that Rare Breed Triggers sent to the ATF. What we do know is that they have stated

publicly their response.

Instead of capitulating to the ATF's claim that the FRT-15 was a machinegun, and worse, diverting their efforts as private citizens to do the bidding of a Government Agency, they responded publicly stating their non-compliance, and backing it up with legal opinion. Christopher Gadsden would be proud.

Rare Breed Triggers simply said no, arguing that the FRT-15 clearly and deliberately does not fulfill the definition of a machine gun, and thus is not subject to regulation by the ATF. As a result, Rare Breed continues to manufacture the FRT-15, and is making no plans to attempt to recover triggers purchased by them. At the time of writing, there is no news regarding how the ATF will react to Rare Breed Trigger's response.

The challenge with this type of action by the ATF is that the result of redefinitions, reclassifications, and overt over-stepping of the limitations to their authority does not go without disturbing law-abiding American Citizens. Instead of focusing on the actions of those who wish to harm the American people, instead of directing efforts to enforce the laws that govern, these actions would make felons of otherwise innocent people. The possession of things like bump stocks, pistol braces, 80 percent receivers, and forced reset triggers, if prohibited, would produce only victimless crimes.

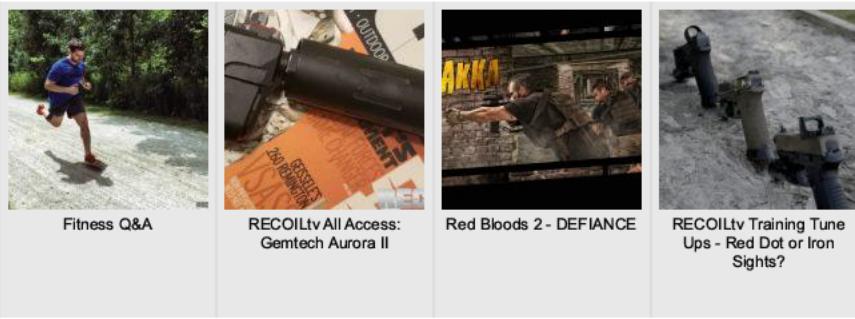
Which draws attention to the ATF as at least suspicious in the eyes of so much of the American people, as the agency continues to act in such a way that at least looks like they are more interested in infringing on the rights of free people, than protecting said rights.

For more, follow Rare Breed Triggers themselves at rarebreedtriggers.com

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Brian R Wickens says:

August 23, 2021 at 7:52 pm

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dennis beaver says:

August 25, 2021 at 12:49 pm

good for you , RBT ! ! you are so right ! i & others stand by your decision !
dennis beaver (army vet. 1978 – 84)

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Carl Mawby says:

August 30, 2021 at 2:34 pm

The ATF&E do not make laws. Rulings have already been made as to the definition of what is the function of a machine gun. Looks to me to be a strong arm tactic to extort 200.00 for each trigger sold from the Luck Rare Breed. Viet Nam Vet 1966=69

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TAMPA, Fla. (WFLA) — Orlando-based [Rare Breed Triggers](#), a Florida Limited Liability Company, is taking on the federal government in a lawsuit over an order to halt production of their patented gun trigger, the FRT-15.

In July, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' Tampa Field Division issued a cease and desist order to the company to halt production of the FRT15 trigger, after the agency said they determined the trigger to be a machine gun, [under the definition in the National Firearms Act](#).

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Machine gun. Any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger. The term shall also include the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any part designed and intended solely and exclusively, or combination of parts designed and intended, for use in converting a weapon into a machine gun, and any combination of parts from which a machine gun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession or under the control of a person.

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Subsequently, the ATF sent its order to Rare Breed Triggers, part of [Rare Breed Firearms](#).

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Mr. Kevin Maxwell
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Dear Mr. Maxwell:

This is in reference to the Rare Breed Triggers, model FRT-15, manufactured and marketed by your company. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) examined this trigger and determined it to be a machinegun as defined in the National Firearms Act (NFA).

The NFA defines a firearm to include, in relevant part, "a machinegun." 26 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 5845(a)(6). A machinegun is defined under section 5845(b) as –

any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger. The term shall also include the frame or receiver of any such weapon, *any part designed and intended solely and exclusively, or combination of parts designed and intended, for use in converting a weapon into a machinegun*, and any combination of parts from which a machinegun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession or under the control of a person.

Italics Added.

As the Rare Breed Triggers FRT-15 is a machinegun under the NFA, it is subject to the registration, transfer, taxation, and possession restrictions applicable to these regulated weapons, which include criminal penalties relating to the illegal transfer and possession of said weapons. *See* 26 U.S.C., Chapter 53; *see also* 26 U.S.C. § 5871 (any person who violates or fails to comply with the provisions of the NFA shall be fined \$10,000 per violation and is subject to imprisonment for a term of up to ten years). Additionally, machineguns are also subject to the Gun Control Act of 1968, as amended (GCA), *see* 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(23), and are subject to prohibitions regarding the possession, transfer, and transport of such items as set forth in 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(o) and 922(a)(4).

While the letter from the ATF, addressed to owner Kevin Maxwell and pulled from the online database Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER), details their ruling on the FRT-15 as manufactured and marketed, Maxwell's attorneys and industry experts disagree over the definition's application to the trigger.

Multiple industry experts brought on by Maxwell and Rare Breed to test the trigger legally and practically, including a division of the U.S. Department of Justice, disagree with the ATF's definition of the product as a machine gun, fully automatic, or for use that could make a gun fully automatic.

Specifically, an attorney from The Law Office of Kevin P. McCann in Merritt Island, Fla.; tested by Daniel O'Kelly, a former Senior Special Agent at the ATF and now a Director of GunLearn and a senior instructor at International Firearm Specialist Academy; reviewed by Rick Vasquez, a research and analysis consultant of Rick Vasquez Firearms, LLC; and Brian Luettke, a former special agent of the ATF and now a consultant for Firearms Training and Interstate Nexus Consulting, LLC all weighed in on the legality of the FRT-15 in its capacity as a machine gun.

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All of the above experts mentioned in the legal complaint filed by Maxwell to block the ATF's cease and desist noted that the FRT-15 did not meet the definition of a machine gun, at least under the definition in the National Firearms Act of Title 26 U.S.C. § 5845. Instead, all of the associated found that the product performed as a semiautomatic trigger, and therefore did not constitute a machine gun pursuant to the NFA.

Additionally, Earl Griffith, Chief at Firearms Technology Branch, ATF, a part of the U.S. DOJ found that the three-mode trigger design was determined to be "not a part or combination of parts that will convert a semiautomatic firearm into a machinegun."

Since the lawsuit's filing on Aug. 2, Lawrence DeMonico, president of Rare Breed Triggers, put out a video public statement breaking down the company's position in the lawsuit. [The video, published on Aug. 19](#), runs just under 14 minutes long, and "addresses the ATF's attempted overreach in trying to redefine the term 'machine gun'" as it applies to the FRT-15.

The lawsuit names U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland, the U.S. Department of Justice; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Special Agent in Charge of the ATF's Tampa Field Division, Craig Saier; and Marvin Richardson, the Acting Director of the ATF as defendants.

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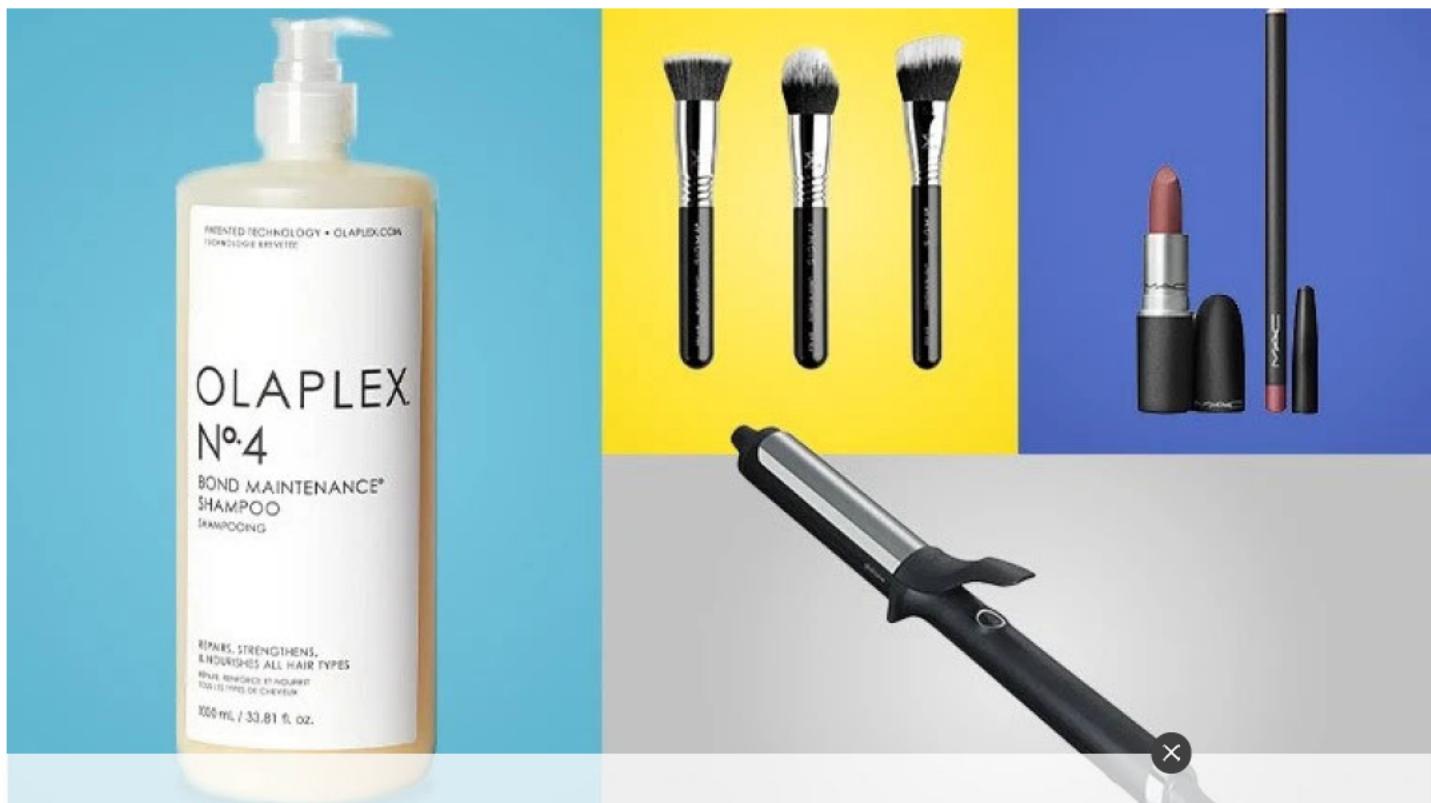
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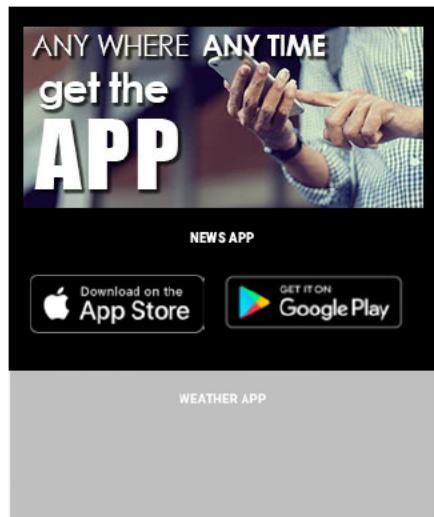


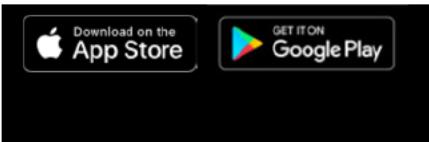


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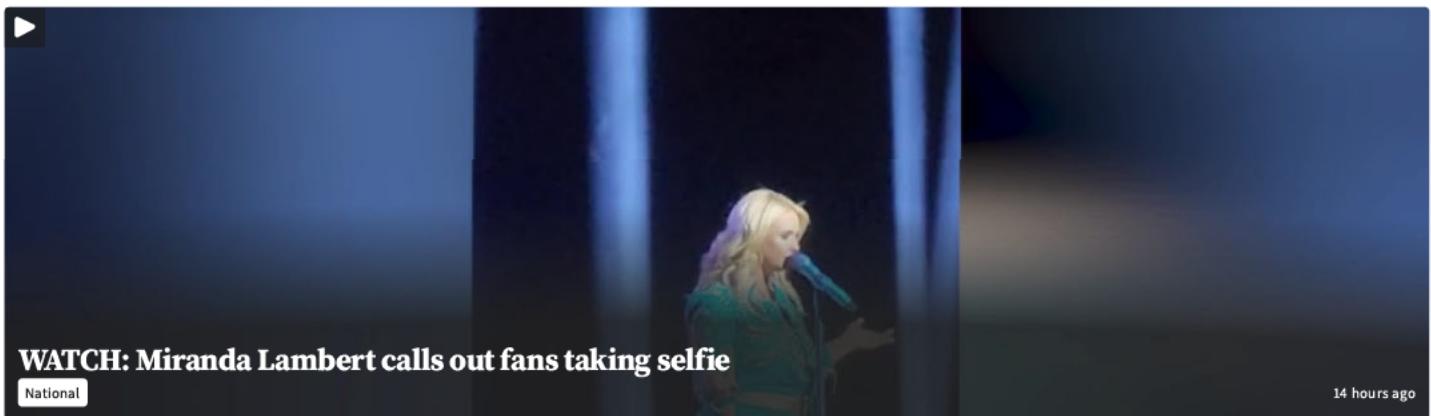
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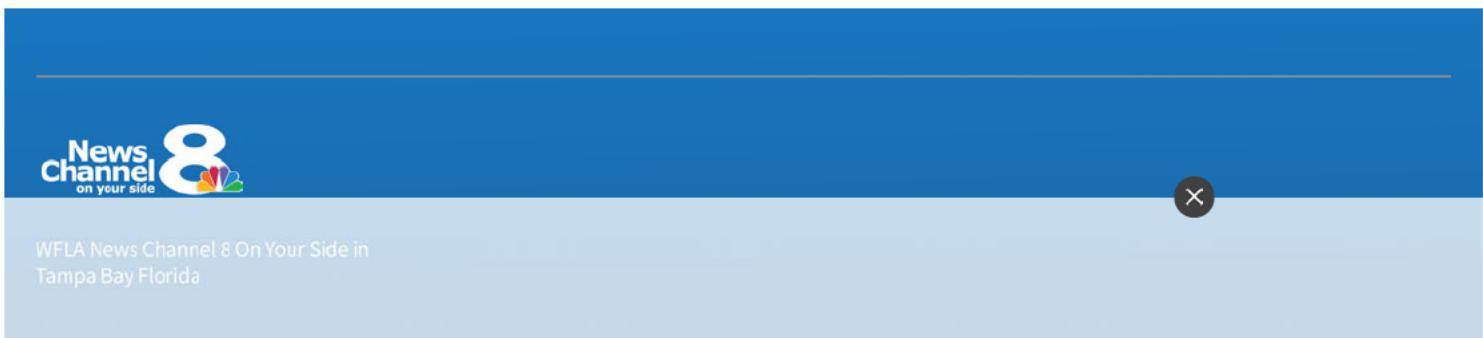
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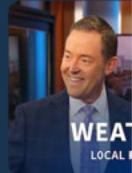


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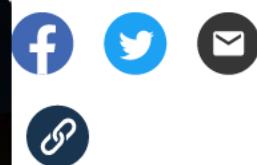


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Instead, Rare Breed Triggers has filed a lawsuit against the ATF after being told to stop making the trigger or face fines and jail time.

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